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TO : Chief, Technical Branch, Security Research Staff  
FROM : Chief, Biochemistry & Pharmacology Branch, Medicine Division, GSI  
SUBJECT: Exploration to [REDACTED] F

DATE: 2 July 53

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1. As verbally suggested, [REDACTED] shortly be in position to locate and collect certain much desired photographic records, botanical specimens and information, such as times of fruiting and uses during his trip to [REDACTED] by way of [REDACTED]

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2. His thorough [REDACTED] training in plant sciences and especially taxonomy, his activity as [REDACTED] and previous botanical excursions to tropical countries qualify him well. While representing [REDACTED], he travels on his own limited funds, but offers to carry out any special assignment of limited scope which this government may entrust to him. His contacts with [REDACTED] were those facilitated through my cover connection with the [REDACTED] and did not in any way commit our agency or disclose its ultimate interests. A fund of \$100 contributed to [REDACTED] expenses would assure us his special efforts, especially if he could be told that additional minor expenses, incidental to the collection or purchase and shipment of supplies, requested by me would be refunded.

Proposed Itinerary

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SI/M [REDACTED] (2 July 53) A

Encls:

- 1-List of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Plants with requested sources underlined  
2-Lists of Desiderata
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Desiderata from [redacted]

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Seeds

Plant Introduction Garden - List of Plants and Seeds

Sophora secundiflora Leg - "Mabai Beans"

Desiderata from

*Psilocybe cubensis* - Mushrooms or spores or locations inia. nature,

*Polyporus* - *barbaricus*

*Calocybe* - *Orthocarpus* (Baker) "Rejuno Paludo" Seeds

*Myrmecodia* - Any species

*Ernia* *Mimisi* (L.) Drake - "Graciosa" Location and seeds

*Polyporus* *blancoides* "Tobacco"

*Ermania* *cubensis*

*Calocybe* *blanca*

"Yerba del Tajo" - Puerto Rico Seeds

*Clitocybe* *sepium*

Location ?

*Elaphoglossum* *mundicella*

Desiderata from

<i>Albizia Sapida</i>	"Alamo"	Location and Seeds	Lancetilla
<i>Casahuate schulla</i>	"White Zapote"		and markets
<i>Crotalaria juncea</i>	<i>rajandifolia</i>	"Ratilla Box"	
	<i>spectabilis</i>		
<i>Erythrina poeppigiana</i>	"Sunare"		
	<i>hondurensis</i>		
<i>Latrophy</i>	— potent species, e.g. <i>podagrica</i> "Guatemala rhubarb" Seeds Lancetilla		
	<i>multifida</i>	"Coral plant"	
	e.g. <i>curvas</i>	"French Physic Nut"	
	<i>urens</i>	"	
	<i>tubulosa</i>	"Colima Guille"	
	<i>Ascutifolia</i>	"Chaya"	
	<i>elastica</i>		
<i>Crassia peruviana</i>			
<i>lucosperma</i>	"Mocklaco Tree"		
<i>Althea arborea</i>	"Barba de jalote"	Location and	
<i>Solanum macranthum</i>	"Potato Tree"		
"quitense"	"Marangallo"		
<i>Rauwolfia hirsuta</i>			
<i>Strychnos peruviana</i>	"Ganjura"		